

## **Dr Catherine Aczel Boivie – CV**

### **Chief Executive Officer at Inventure Solutions and Senior Vice-President of Information Technology and Facilities Management at Vancity (2008-Present):**

Vancity is Canada's largest credit union with over \$14 billion in assets, more than 400,000 members and over 50 branches. As the CEO of Inventure, a subsidiary of Vancity, Dr. Boivie manages over 200 staff and consultants, capital and operating budget of over \$100M and provides leadership and vision in the planning, development and management of technology and facilities initiatives across Vancity. Catherine also provides key investment advice to improve the effective use of IT resources and investments as well as offering an assessment of the organization's capability to take on risks.

### **Senior Vice-President of Information Technology at Pacific Blue Cross, British Columbia's leading benefits carrier (2003-2008).**

With its subsidiary, British Columbia Life & Casualty Company, Pacific Blue Cross provides organizations and individuals with health, dental, life, disability coverage, and travel insurance. As a member of the senior executive team, Catherine was an active participant in the design and implementation of the strategic business plan for the organization. Using the business plan as the framework, the technology plan was designed to support and provide the competitive differentiator in meeting PBC's business goals. The resulting technology infrastructure allowed the organization to collaborate with partners who supply non-core services and products. She also led a multi-year, multi-million dollar technology application refreshment initiative that replaced the majority of PBC's applications to allow flexibility and cost-effective support.

### **Vice-President of Information Services and Chief Information Officer for the British Columbia Automobile Association (1995-2003).**

BCAA provides road service, travel and insurance to over 770,000 members across B.C. While at BCAA, she established the technology plan that increased IT alignment to business goals, refreshed the technology infrastructure and motivated the IT staff to view technology as a business enabler rather than technology for technology's sake. She also provided technology and change management in the on-time, on-budget implementation of the CRM application.

## **Board Experience**

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) - Board member. ICBC provides basic and optional vehicle insurance, driver licensing, vehicle registration and other services. ICBC is currently one of BC's largest corporations with approximately \$12.5 billion in assets.

Simon Fraser University Dean's External Advisory Board - Board member. The board provides expertise, guidance and direction in support of SFU's commitment to relevant education and research, focused on the changing needs of business and the economy.

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Foundation – Board member. The BCIT Foundation has received more than \$81 million in donations that create opportunities, enhance the learning experience of the students and enable BCIT to stay at the forefront of learning.

Burnaby Board of Trade – Director The BBOT is Burnaby's pre-eminent business association facilitating the competitive market system in Burnaby. Recognized as the economic development agency of the City of Burnaby, the BBOT works closely with the municipality and is a key part in the City's economic development strategy.

Chief Information Officers Association of Canada – Founding Chair. CIOCAN is a Canada-wide association that provides opportunities for Chief Information Officers and senior IT professionals to share information, best practices and collaboration. The Association now has over a 250 members across Canada has partnerships with other CIO Associations such as the EuroCIOs.

CGA Canada – public representative. The Certified General Accountants Association represents 70,000 CGAs and students around the world. A Certified General Accountant is a professional accountant who provides various accounting, business and advisory services in all sectors of the economy.

Couchiching Institute on Public Affairs (CIPA) – Chair of Western Chapter, CIPA Board member. CIPA is a Canada-wide public affairs forum in which Canadians from many walks of life come together to share ideas and opinions on important public policy issues with experts and members of the community. Its tag line is "Summer camp for the mind".

Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) – Board member, chair Nominating Committee ; ICTC is a not-for-profit sector council, striving to create a prepared, diverse and highly educated Canadian ICT industry and workforce.

2010 Olympics Bell Technology Advisory Board – as a committee member, provided governance, insight, and guidance to the design and implementation of the technology solution for 2010, thereby having an impact on a cornerstone of delivering the games.

YWCA of Vancouver – Board member (2003-2009) and Chair of the Governance and Nominating committee. The YWCA is a resource for women and their families, providing programs and services for those wanting to set new goals. Led the rewrite of the Board Policy manual and the restructuring of the Board committee structure.

## **Education:**

Dr. Boivie received a Bachelors of Mathematics degree majoring in computer science from the University of Waterloo, and a Masters degree and PhD from the University of Toronto.

She has taken a number of senior management level courses, including the Institute of Corporate Directors: Governance Essentials Program for Directors of Not-For-Profit Organizations as well as the Directors Education Program (DEP) that leads to the professional ICD.D designation granted by the Institute of Corporate Directors. She participated in the CEO forum involving 12 CEOs from companies such as: The Jim Pattison Auto Group, Odlum Brown, 1-800 Got Junk

## **Awards**

Dr. Boivie has been publicly recognized for her contributions. Last year she was named one of Canada's Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network, receiving her award in the "Trailblazers and Trendsetters" category, which recognizes women who are either the first in their fields or have made a major impact on them, and who have made a great contribution to Canadian society.

In 2008, the Chief Information Officers Association of Canada (CIOCAN) established the Catherine Aczel Boivie scholarship at Ryerson University, to recognize her contribution in strengthening the CIO community in Canada and advocating the CIOs' role in organizations. The Dr Catherine Aczel Boivie Scholarship is awarded each year to the top student at Ryerson University IT Management Program.

Dr. Boivie was also selected by the 28,000 members of Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance as the recipient of the 2008 Chief Information Officers (CIO) Leadership Award for showing excellence in managing enterprise-wide information systems that yield the greatest returns to the organization and exemplifying community engagement and leadership

In 2003, Gartner Inc. awarded Dr. Boivie the North American IT Executive of the Year Award for Midsize Enterprises for her contributions to the overall development and success in the technology field and advocating the need for networking among IT professionals.

## **Other achievements:**

Speaker at various conferences on topics ranging from The Role of the CIO and Board, IT Governance, to Managing in Difficult Times. Catherine is a published author with articles in several journals, including *Computing Canada*, *CMA Magazine*, *Globe and Mail Backbone Magazine*, *InfoWorld* and *CIO Canada*. She also published a regular column "from the CIO's point of view" in a Canadian Computer periodical. Dr. Boivie has been quoted in the *Globe and Mail*, *IT Business*, *Financial Post*, *Edge magazine*, *InformationWeek*, *IT Business Week* (Russian and German editions), and interviewed on the US talk radio.

Featured in "*Women in the Lead*", a national directory of Canadian women whose professional expertise and experience recommend them as candidates for corporate board appointment.

Dr. Boivie believes that one has to "put back into society what one takes out". Hence she was instrumental in establishing 3 funds to assist others: YWCA of Vancouver - to provide child care to support single mothers wishing to return to the workplace, Couchiching Institute in Public Affairs to sponsor those who otherwise could not attend the annual conference and University of Waterloo to provide financial assistance for graduate students in mathematics.